TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

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Some of the most epic failures recorded in the Bible came when people were alone: Samson forfeited his leadership, David saw Bathsheba, Peter denied the Lord. Bad things can happen when we are alone. We need one another in community!

READ | Genesis 2:18; John 15:11-15

Consider the fact that God sent Jesus to live in community with us and God has a personal relationship with us through the Holy Spirit. The early church was all about relationships as well. They met in the temple courts for teaching and in one another's homes for community.

REFLECT Do you have a strong community?

God is constantly sending divine connections. Some great Biblical examples are David and Jonathan, Esther and King David, Elijah and Elisha, and the 12 Disciples.

READ | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

When you are relationally connected, you are stronger in every way.

- Two are better than one to expand your heart. Proverbs 18:1 The more you isolate yourself, the smaller your heart becomes.
- Two are better than one to overcome. Strength comes in numbers. Mature believers are not afraid to ask for help.
- Two are better than one to avoid stupidity. Proverbs 27:17 Community is so important to warn us of our blind spots.
- Two are better than one to become whole. We all experience discouraging times, friends can help lift you up. Think about Judas being alone when he hung himself and Peter being in community after he denied the Lord.
- Two are better than one at joy.
- Two are better than one to change the world. Everyone has a unique gift and part to play in the kingdom.

REFLECT | Are there any personal ways community has made you stronger?

SUMMARY | Community is something that God designed us to have. Knowing the benefits and seeing the repercussions of not living in community should inspire you to pursue friendships. Build your community when you do not need it and then you will have it when you do.

PRAYER | Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.